ABSTRACT

A compound represented by formula (I): [Formula 1]

$$R^2$$
 OR^1
 R^4
 OH
 OH

[wherein, for example,

X is a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom;

R¹ is a hydrogen atom;

 R^2 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl group;

 R^3 is -CHO or -COOH; and

 R^4 is $-CH=CH-(CH_2)_p-CH_3$ (wherein p is an integer of 1 to 12), $-CH(OH)-(CH_2)_q-CH_3$ (wherein q is an integer of 1 to 13),

-CH(OH)-CH₂-CH(CH₃)-(CH₂)₂-CH=C(CH₃)₂, -CH=CH-CH(CH₃)-(CH₂)₃-CH(CH₃)₂, -(CH₂)₂-CH(CH₃)-(CH₂)₃-CH(CH₃)₂ or -(CH₂)₈-CH₃], an optical isomer thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. These compounds have antitrypanosoma activity, and accordingly are useful as drugs for preventing or treating the diseases caused by trypanosoma.